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14 DEC 1949

Mr. W. A. Minor
Temporary Chairman
ICIS Subcommittee on Defense Against Unconventional Attack
Room 5216 Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Minor:

This will acknowledge your letter of 2 December 1949 requesting
estimates of the capabilities of USSR to employ against the U. S.
methods of unconventional attack involving the use of the atomic
bomb, biological or chemical and radiological weapons.

Preparation of the desired estimates has been initiated and the
project is being accorded high priority. However, it will not be
possible to complete all the estimates by 20 December 1949. There-
fore, partial reports will be submitted as estimates of particular
methods of attack are completed.

Sincerely,

Signed — via ER 12/14/49

R. H. HILLENKOETTER
REAR ADMIRAL. USN
DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

JBR:em
cc: DCI-1
AD/OSI-2
Chief/COPS-1 via Executive
Central Records-1 with basic letter 2 December 1949

MEMO FOR RECORD

1. Basic communication is letter from ICIS Subcommittee on
Defense Against Unconventional Attack requesting estimates of the
capabilities of USSR and satellite countries as of 1 January 1950,
1 January 1953, 1 January 1956, to employ against the U.S. and/or
its possessions and territories methods of unconventional attack
involving the use of atomic bomb, biological, chemical and radio-
logical weapons.

2. Inasmuch as the ICIS and subject Subcommittee are permanent
committees, it was also requested that such additional intelligence
as may become available subsequent to submission of the requested
estimates be forwarded from time to time in order that the estimates
may be kept on current basis.

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3. Basic communication requested that the estimates be prepared in nine copies and forwarded on or before 20 December 1949 to ICIS Subcommittee No. 1, attention: Mr. Leonard P. Bienvenu, Room 5218 Department of Justice.

4. Although dated 2 December 1949, basic communication was
25X1   delivered to [_____] personally on 6 December 1949.